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Saturday, 5 PM
 Sunday, 8 & 11 AM

Daily Liturgy:

Monday-Friday, 8 AM

Eucharistic Adoration:

Wednesday, 8:30-7:30 PM

Reconciliation:

Wednesday, 5:30-6:30 PM

Saturday, 3:30-4:30 PM

First Fridays, 8:30-9:30 AM

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Following Daily Mass on
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“Brothers and sisters: Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing.”

(1 Thessalonians 5:16)

It is important to keep in mind that to remain healthy in our physical body we keep nourishing it with proper foods and in proper amount. It is also recommended that we do not eat only one kind of food but that has variety to it. For the nourishment of our souls, we are encouraged to practice our sacraments, different kinds of prayers. All this to keep our souls healthy and in joyful spirit. If both the spirit and our body are healthy, we have a very good chance to become happy and intentional disciples. To grow in the joy of life the church provides for us some assistance as well, like the sacrament of reconciliation. Today the Church celebrates the third Sunday of Advent, also called the Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete means to rejoice, to be happy and encourages all to be ready to celebrate; for the promise of God is about to be fulfilled. For the past two weeks, the readings have been drawing our attention to the birth of Emmanuel. Today John calls and tells us that he is almost here. But at the same time John reminds us that we do not have much time left to appropriately prepare for this special day when our Messiah will become one of us. Isn't this a joyful message – a message which calls us to be “on fire” for the Lord?

In the second part of today's Gospel passage John said that the Messiah would “baptize with the Holy Spirit and with fire.” Fire in biblical times was associated with God and with his action in the world and in the lives of his people. God sometimes manifested his presence by use of fire, such as the burning bush which was not consumed when God spoke to Moses (Exodus 3:2). The image of fire was also used to symbolize God's glory (Ezekiel 1:4, 13), his protective presence (2 Kings 6:17), his holiness (Deut. 4:24), his righteous judgment (Zechariah 13:9), and his wrath against sin (Isaiah 66:15-16)”. (www.rc.net)

To be joyful means to give hope to those around us for a gentle smile and laughter help melt the coldness of our life, just like a fire warms the coldness of the air and helps to transform even the hardest steel into a piece of art and beauty. In the New Testament, the image of fire is also used of the Holy Spirit who comes to cleanse us from sin and make us holy (Matt. 3:11 and Acts 2:3). “God's fire both purifies us of sin, and it inspires in us a reverent fear of God and of his word. And it increases our desire for holiness and for the joy of meeting the Lord when he comes again. Do you want to be on fire for God and for the return of the Lord Jesus when he comes in his glory? Our baptism in Jesus Christ by water and the Spirit results in a new birth and entry into God's kingdom as his beloved sons and daughters (John 3:5). Jesus is ready to give us the fire of his Spirit that we may radiate the joy of the gospel to a world in desperate need of God's light and truth. The word of God has power to change and transform our lives that we may be lights pointing others to Christ. Like John the Baptist, we too are called to give testimony to the light and truth of Jesus Christ. Do you point others to Christ in the way you live, and act, and speak?” (www.rc.net)

Let us then rejoice and be merry, for the Lord is near, be not afraid to be the fire that brings warmth to the world and melts the hardness of our hearts. Be “on fire” for and with our Savior.

With Prayers, Fr. Andrzej

New Little Free Library

The Diocese of Rapid City has installed a Little Free Library (littlefreelibrary.org) with a Catholic twist. Located at the Catholic Chancery, 225 Main St., Rapid City, this LFL contains only books on Catholic teachings. For 2000 years the Catholic Church has been sharing the Love of Christ, and we are excited to have this new opportunity to reach out to our neighbors. Anyone who reads these books is invited to contact Pastoral Ministries at 605-343-3541 or LFL@dioc.org for more information about Jesus Christ and the Catholic faith, as well as a referral to a local parish, where they can find a faith home.

The Third Sunday of Advent



"Rejoice: The Lord is nigh." As Christmas draws near, the Church emphasizes the joy which should be in our hearts over all that the birth of our Savior means for us. The great joy of Christians is to see the day drawing nigh when the Lord will come again in His glory to lead them into His kingdom. The oft-repeated Veni ("Come") of Advent is an echo not only of the prophets but also of the conclusion of the Apocalypse of St. John: "Come, Lord Jesus," the last words of the New Testament. Today is known as Gaudete Sunday. The term Gaudete refers to the first word of the Entrance Antiphon, "Rejoice". Rose vestments are worn to emphasize our joy that Christmas is near, and we also light the rose candle on our Advent wreath.

Knights of Columbus Christmas Brisket The Knights are selling fully cooked briskets (sixteen pound average) for Christmas. PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR ORDER BY DECEMBER 14. Briskets will be available for pick up on December 20. Cost is \$110. Proceeds benefit the KC general fund. Please call Wade at 415-3781 to order.

Piedmont Valley Food Pantry Needs

Thank you for your continued support. As we prepare to send out Christmas boxes we can use the following items: Canned vegetables, canned pasta sauce and pasta, canned meat, 16 oz. peanut butter, cereal, canned fruit, canned Chef Boyardee like items, cake mixes, pudding cups, shelf stable milk and other drinks, laundry (example: Tide pods are easily distributable) and dish soap, and toilet paper.

COOKIE SALE



The Society of St. Vincent de Paul **cookie, candy, and bread bake sale** will be **December 19-20** following all Masses. Cookie and baked good donations are gladly accepted. Please call Sheila at 605-354-3551 and leave a message for more information.



Sunday, December 20, 2020 at 7:00pm in the Church Basement. Join SoulCore Leader Jenny, to nourish body, mind & soul with SoulCore - a prayer experience that combines the prayers of the rosary with core strengthening, stretching and functional movement. No fitness level or experience required. All are welcome! Visit www.soulcore.com for more information. Follow us locally on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/soulcore605>. There is no cost but a suggested donation of \$10, for those who are able. Dress in comfortable clothing or sportswear and bring a fitness mat if you have one. Contact Jenny Scherr at j.scherr@hotmail.com for additional information.

Christmas Masses

Please register for your Mass time by calling the office at 787-5168. Available Mass times are Christmas Day at 8 & 11 AM.

Thank you for your donation.

Please prayerfully consider automatic contributions via electronic withdrawal, check service, or at www.olbh.org/donate. Please prayerfully consider including the Western South Dakota Catholic Foundation and Our Lady of the Black Hills in your estate planning.

| "All good giving and every perfect gift is from above" (Jas 1:17) | | | |
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| December 5-6, 2020 | | | |
| | Automatic | Basket | Total |
| Adopt a Seminarian | 54 | - | 54 |
| Sunday Collection | 1,871 | 4,620 | 6,491 |
| Rectory | 19 | - | 19 |
| Reimbursement | - | 7,270 | 7,270 |
| Building Fund | - | 50 | 50 |
| Christmas Flowers | | 50 | 50 |
| Held for Others | | 295 | 295 |
| Total Contribution | 1,944 | 12,285 | 14,228.84 |

Weekly Schedule

Monday, December 14

Saint John of the Cross, Priest, Doctor of the Church

7:30 AM Early Bird Bible Study

NO MASS

Tuesday, December 15

8 AM Mass for Catholic Extension

1:30 PM Mass at St. Elizabeth Seton for the Priests of the Diocese of Rapid City

6:15 PM Meeting of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Wednesday, December 16

8 AM Mass for All Souls in Purgatory

8:30-7:30 PM Adoration

9-12 Noon Food Pantry Open

5:30-6:30 PM Reconciliation

6:15-7:30 PM Faith Formation Group A

Thursday, December 17

8 AM Mass for the repose of Marjorie Waits

Friday, December 18

8:30 AM Mass at St. Elizabeth Seton for the repose of Michael Martel

Saturday, December 19

9-12 Noon Food Pantry Open

3:30-4:30 PM Reconciliation

5 PM Mass – Link on Facebook and OLBH.org for Cody Jacobs

St. Vincent de Paul Cookie Sale

Sunday, December 20

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8 AM Mass for the OLBH Parish community and for our sister parishes

St. Vincent de Paul Cookie Sale

9:30-10:45 AM Faith Formation Group B

11 AM Mass for the repose of Donna Melber

St. Vincent de Paul Cookie Sale

Intentions of the Holy Father for December:

Pope's Intention: For a life of prayer. That our personal relationship with Jesus Christ be nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer.

Prayers for our Deployed Military

Jeremy Reeve, Josh Kornmann, and Joshua Philbrick

Prayers for the Recently Deceased

Pauline L. Kammerer Guffey

Prayer Chain Requests

To request an intention for the prayer chain, please contact Sue Colgan at 431-0310 or at ssacolgan@gmail.com.

Eucharistic Adoration

For information on Adoration or to sign up to Adore or to fill in as a substitute, please contact Dave Allardyce at 791-2303.

Prayers for Life and Health Concerns

Names will be left for three months; please call to r if you would like to request prayers for someone.

- **Edwin Weaver** (father of Bob Weaver) • **Dean Antonsen**
 - **Blanche Rieth** • **Bernard Wiehl** • **Jean Schacher**
- **Paula Owen** • **Dennis Schumacher** • **Ryan Wilson**
 - **Lowell Amiotte** • **Randy Oberle** • **Iris Overholt**
- **Joan Wrobel** (aunt of Rachael Held) • **Lori Moore**
- **Les Bedne** (mother of Marie Langfeldt) • **Doug Wermers**
 - **John Mizenko** (brother of Jeff) • **Vickie Crowley**
 - **Adam Hohm** • **Lenny Tellefson** • **Rachael Held**
- **Robert Forest** (father of Cathy Long) • **Jen Ehlers Hruska**
 - **Wayne Gamroth** • **Mike Knecht** • **Linda Weishaar**
 - **Peggy Laurenz** (niece of Cap and Arlene Holzer)
 - **Marjorie Lee** • **Cliff Roemich** • **Jennifer Kinney**
- **Christy Marie** (sister of Linda Schacher) • **Marek Kopec**
 - **Alicia Castor** (niece of Kathleen and Lowell Amiotte)
- **Moneik Stephens** • **Jean Roth** (mother of Peg Wermers)
 - **Cory Kirby** (brother-in-law of Shanesa Rhodes)
- **Linda Schacher** • **Brett Whealy** • **Rayola Anderson**
 - **Carol Michaelson** (mother of Linda Schacher)
 - **Colin Patterson** (Antje Grey's son-in-law)
- **Mike and Marilyn Rohde** (parents of Rhonda Gehlsen)
 - **Katie Niederwerder** • **Priscilla Noble**
- **John Mizenko Sr.** (Father of Jeff) • **Larry Jerke**

† Necrology †

To remember in prayer for the repose of their souls, those whose deaths are recorded in the parish; and the bishops, priests, and deacons that served the Diocese of Rapid City.

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| December 14 | Rev. John J. Groell (1955) |
| December 15 | Elisa Maria Chedel (2016) |
| December 17 | Rev. Michael S. Roach (1989) Harold A. Swallow (1998) |
| December 18 | Rev. Albert Grueter, S.J. (1967) Leona Maria Jensen (2012) |
| December 19 | Rev. Francis P. Besendorfer (1946) Mary Arlene Ricard (2005) |
| December 20 | Rev. Joachim Huwylet, O.S.B. (1899) Rev. Louis Gall, S.J. (1946) Rev. Richard A. Plante (2001) |

| Mass Times | Saturday, 12/19 at 5 PM | Sunday 12/12 at 8 AM | Sunday 12/12 at 11 AM |
|------------------------|--|---|--|
| Presider | Fr. Andrzej Wyrostek | Fr. Andrzej Wyrostek | Fr. Andrzej Wyrostek |
| Lector | John Usera – 1 st Lector Bernie Usera – 2 nd Lector | Jay Hammerquist – 1 st Lector Mike Osten – 2 nd Lector | LaChel McCollar – 1 st Lector Not Filled |
| Altar Server(s) | Todd Curtis – Lead Server Luke Schacher | Westin Edwards – Lead Caleb Weishaar | Zak Juelfs – Lead Sydney Bremer |
| Sacristan | Joe and Linda Schacher | Mike and Barb Coyle | Stacy Tate |

Safe Environment

The Catholic Diocese of Rapid City is firmly committed to creating and maintaining the safest possible environment for our children. To report allegations of sexual abuse by church personnel, contact the Victim Assistance Coordinator. In accordance with diocesan policy, all allegations of sexual misconduct involving children or young people and priests, deacons, lay employees, or volunteers serving the Diocese of Rapid City will be investigated. **Victim Assistance Coordinator - Barbara Scherr 605.209.3418**

Safe Faith Environment

Safe Faith Environment Training is **mandatory for all paid staff and adult volunteers** please contact Katie, Safe Faith Environment Coordinator, at 787.5168 for details.

COMMUNITY & DIOCESAN NEWS

Daily Readings

Monday: NM 24:2-7, 15-17A; PS 25:4-5AB, 6 AND 7BC, 8-9; MT 21:23-27
Tuesday: ZEP 3:1-2, 9-13; PS 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 AND 23; MT 21:28-32
Wednesday: IS 45:6C-8, 18, 21C-25; PS 85:9AB AND 10, 11-12, 13-14; LK 7:18B-23
Thursday: GN 49:2, 8-10; PS 72:1-2, 3-4AB, 7-8, 17; MT 1:1-17
Friday: JER 23:5-8; PS 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; MT 1:18-25
Saturday: JGS 13:2-7, 24-25A; PS 71:3-4A, 5-6AB, 16-17; LK 1:5-25
Sunday: 2 SM 7:1-5, 8B-12, 14A, 16; PS 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29; ROM 16:25-27; LK 1:26-38

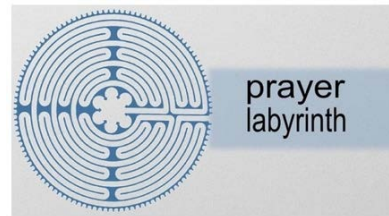
The weekly readings can be found anytime online on the USCCB website or by clicking: [Weekly Readings](#)

Simbang Gabi

A Filipino Advent tradition, a series of nine Novena Masses to prepare for the coming of our savior, Jesus Christ, will be held at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Rapid City, on 12/15-23. Friday, December 18 at 6 pm the Mass will be celebrated by Fr. Jason Marco from the Diocese of Cheyenne. Filipino food-to-go will be given away after Mass. For questions call 430-7392 or 545-0540.

Job Opening

St. Joseph Church, Spearfish, has a job opening for Director of Music and Director of Liturgy. This full-time position administers music and liturgy, or the position can split into two part-time jobs for two individuals. One individual would be the Director of Music and the other individual the Director of Liturgy. More information can be found on the St. Joseph web site. To apply send cover letter and resume to St. Joseph Church, Attn: Job Application, 844 N 5th Street, Spearfish, SD 57783.

Journey with the Lord in Advent and Christmas

An indoor Christian Prayer Labyrinth will be at Terra Sancta Retreat Center Dec. 21, 22, 23 and then Dec. 28, 29 and 30 from 8-6 PM each day . . . all are welcome. We have prayers and

information to assist people in using this contemplative form of prayer.

Christmas Taize' on Facebook Live

Terra Sancta Retreat Center will be going live with prayer events on Dec. 20 and 21. A Christmas Taizé service will be live at 5pm on Sunday, Dec. 20. On Dec. 21, we will have an Evening of Prayers and Praise. The Live session will feature songs, scripture and reflections of the Advent and Christmas season beginning at 7 p.m. At each service, we will be lighting one candle for every 1,000 people in the U.S. who have died from COVID-19. Join us and praise the Lord, while also praying for an end to the pandemic. The Evening of Prayers and Praise on Dec. 21 will be reposted nightly through Christmas.

Terra Sancta Catering to Go

. . . check out our December Specials and new Winter Menu! <http://terrasancta.org/togo>

Christmas Masses

Christmas Eve Masses are full.

Christmas Day 8 & 11 AM

100 spots are available at each Mass.

Please register for Christmas Mass so we can maintain adequate social distancing.
Call the office at 787-5168 to register.



Our Lady of the Black Hills is the Foothills Area Chamber of Commerce Organization of the Year!

We have been recognized as the Organization of the year for serving the Foothills community in the following ways housing the Piedmont Valley Food Pantry, administering the food pantry and gas voucher programs, conducting food drives, chartering a Boy Scout Troop and a Cub Scout Pack, hosting a homeschool co-op of 20+ families, and for allowing the area residents of Meade County to vote here during the pandemic. In addition, the Our Lady of the Black Hills Society of St. Vincent de Paul also serves our neighbors in need with advocacy, aid, and financial support. Thank you to all of our wonderful parishioners and volunteers who donate time

talent and treasure to ensure our parish is open, hospitable, and in good repair. We cannot maintain the parish without your dedicated support.

Our own parishioner, **Judy Roemich**, was also recognized for the **Long Term Service Award**. Judy has been leading, organizing, and managing the Foothills Valley Christmas Box program since 1987. Christmas boxes provide food, gifts, and clothing to area families in need every year. Last year over 800 gifts and over 80 food boxes were provided for area neighbors. Please congratulate Judy on this well-deserved honor and thank her for her service to our community.



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